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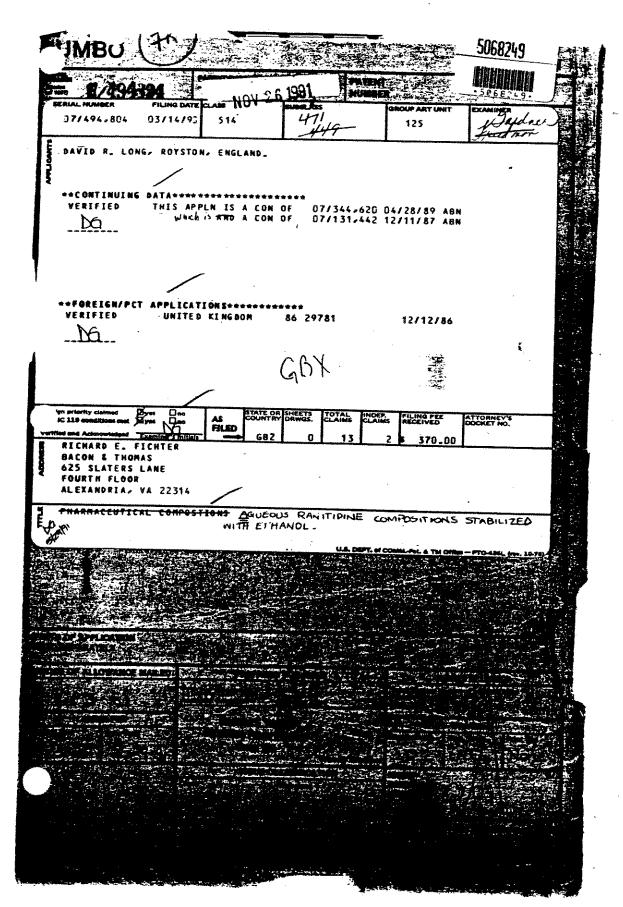
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The present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition containing as active ingredient the histamine H₂ antagonist ranitidine.

Ranitidine, [N-[2-[[[5-(dimethylamino)methyl-2-furanyl]methyl]thio]ethyl]-N'-methyl-2-nitro-1,1-ethenediamine, and its physiologically acceptable salts are described in British Patent Specification No. 1565966. In that specification there is reference to liquid formulations for oral and parenteral administrations and there is a description of an aqueous based formulation for intravenous use and another of an oral syrup. Both of these formulations contained sufficient hydrochloric acid to achieve a pH of 5.0 and the syrups also contained Sorbitol solution BPC and a flavour as required.

British Patent Application No. GB 2142820A describes aqueous based formulations containing ranitidine and/or one or more of its physiologically acceptable salts thereof having a pH within the range 6.5-7.5. In that specification there is reference to liquid formulations for oral and parenteral administration and there are examples of aqueous formulations for intravenous and oral use. These formulations contain ranitidine hyrochloride and are buffered to a oH of approximately 7 and for intravenous administration the formulations also contain phenol or sodium chloride. For oral administration the formulation also contains hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose as a viscosity enhancing agent, a preservative (parabens), a sweetening agent and a flavour. These compositions have a significantly greater shelf-life over those in British Patent No. 1565966.

We have now surprisingly found that the stability of ranitidine in aqueous based formulations and more particularly aqueous based formulations for oral administration may be substantially enhanced by the addition of ethanol to the formulation.

Thus the present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition which is an aqueous formulation of ranitidine and/or one or more physiologically acceptable saits thereof also containing ethanoi. The aqueous formulation is prepared using ingredients of a purity such that it is suitable for administration to patients and will in general

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contain at least one conventional pharmaceutical excipient in addition to the ethanol and ramitidine and/or physiologically acceptable salts thereof.

The amount of ethanol present in the formulation is such that the resulting formulation has the enhanced stability. Preferably the amount of ethanol in the composition on a weight/volume-basis of the complete formulation, is within the range 2.5% to 10%, and more particularly is between 5 to 10% w/v, more especially 7-8% w/v.

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Preferred compositions according to the invention are those in which the pH of the aqueous formulation is within the range 6.5 to 7.5, particularly 6.8 to 7.4 and more especially 7 to 7.3. The required pH of the formulation is preferably obtained by the use of suitable buffer salts for example, potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate and disodium hydrogen orthophosphate or citric acid and disodium hydrogen orthophosphate.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is an aqueous formulation for oral administration. Such a formulation may comprise ranitione and/or one or more of its physiologically acceptable salts dissolved in water, ethanol, a preservative and a viscosity enhancing agent. Preferably the required pH of the formulation is obtained by the use of appropriate buffer salts. Optionally the composition may also contain other conventional excipients such as a sweetener, a flavour and/or flavouring aids.

Examples of suitable preservatives include one or more alkyl hydroxybenzoates such as methyl, ethyl, propyl and/or butyl hydroxybenzoates.

Examples of suitable viscosity enhancing agents include Xanthan qum, sorbitol glycerol, sucrose or a cellulose derivative such as carboxymethylcellulose or a salt thereof of a C_{1-4} alkyl and/or a hydroxy- C_{2-4} alkyl ether of cellulose such as methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

Examples of suitable sweeteners include saccharin sodium, sodium cyclamate, sorbitol and sucrose.

Examples of suitable flavouring agents include 'mint' flavours such as peppermint flavouring agents.

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The concentration of ranitidine in the oral formulation, expressed as free base, is conveniently within the range $20-400 \, \mathrm{mg}$ per 10mi, for example 20-200 mg per 10ml, more particularly 150mg per 10ml dose.

The amount of ethanol in the formulation for oral administration, expressed as a percentage of the complete formulation on a weight/volume basis, is preferably within the range 2.5 to 10%, and more particularly between 5 to 10%, more especially 7-8%.

The amount of viscosity enhancing agent in the formulation will preferably be sufficient to give a solution with a viscosity in the range of 10 to 100 centipoises.

The aqueous formulations for oral administration are conveniently prepared by mixing an aqueous solution of ranitidine and/or one or more of its physiologically acceptable salts together with ethanol and the excipients, with aqueous solution or dispersion of the viscosity enhancing agent.

The aqueous formulations according to the invention are preferably prepared using ranitidine in the form of its hydrochloride salt.

An illustrative example of a formulation according to the invention is as follows. In this example the relative proportions of ranitidine hydrochloride and the buffer salts are such that the formulation has a pH of approximately 7.

Ranitidine oral liquid formulation (150mg/10ml) expressed as free Dase

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30	Ranitidine hydrochloride Ethanol	1.68 7.5				
	Potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate	0.095				
	Disodium hydrogen orthophosphate anhydrous	0.350				
	Hydroxypropylmethylcellulose	qs				
	Preservative	qs				
35	Sweetening agents	qs				
	Flavour					
	Purified water BP to	100m1				

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CLAIMS

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- A pharmaceutical composition which is an aqueous formulation of ranixidine and/or one or more physiologically acceptable salts thereof, formulation also containing ethanol.
- A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 10 containing 2.5% to 10% weight/volume ethanol based on the complete formulation.
- A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 containing 7% to 8% weight/volume ethanol based on the 15 complete formulation.
- 4. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 having a pH in the range 6.9 to 7.5.
- A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 having a pH in the range 6.8 to 7.4.
 - A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 having a pH in the range 7.0 to 7.3.
- 25 A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein said pH is obtained by the use of buffer salts.
- A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 30 suitable for oral administration.
 - A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 8 containing 20-400 mg/ranititine per 10 ml dose expressed as free base.
 - 10. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8 containing 20-200 mg ranitidine per 10 ml dose expressed as free base.

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11. A pharmaceutical Appropriation according to claim 8 11. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim of containing 150 mg ranjuidine per 10 ml dose expressed as 5. free base.

12. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 prepared using ranitidine in the form of the hydrochloride salt.

10 15. A pharmaceutical composition which is an aqueous formulation of ranitidine suitable for oral administration containing 150 mg ranitidine per 10 ml dose expressed as free base, said formulation having a 15 pH in the range 7.0 to 7.3 and also containing 7% to 8% weight/volume ethanol based on the complete formulation.

12. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13 wherein said pH is obtained by the use of buffer salts.

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ABSTRACT

The stability of aqueous formulations of ranitidine or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof is enhanced by the addition of ethanol.

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Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

"Also containing ethanol (claim 1) is indefinite as to whatelse is included. The claims should state how the pH is arrived at.

Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as the disclosure is enabling only for claims limited in accord with the entire disclosure. See MPEP 706.03(n) and 706.03(z).

All claims should recite amounts for all ingredients.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (ϵ) and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same

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person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Chem. Absts. all.

The art teaches the cojoined use of use of ranicidine and an alcohol (ethanol). The claims also teach ranitidine and ethanol. The various parameters of considered As CHOICES TO the claims; i.e. pH and amounts are pne skilled in the art. Such parameters have not been demonstrated as being critical and as such are considered to be within the skill of the art.

All of the claims are rejected over the claims of Serial No. 131,42 on the grounds of double patenting (35 USC 101). No second invention is seen to residue in the instant claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Standley Friedman whose telephone number is (703) 557-9592.

· Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 557-3920.

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1-(2-Chloroethyl)-3-(1-cyanocyclohexyl)-1-nitrosourea (I) [82438-58-6], m. 81-3*, can be used orally or parenterally or as suppositories as a cytostatic or antitumor agent.

97: \$1613f Carbonate diester solutions of PGE-type compounds. Yu, Cheng Der; Bruenner, Unula (Syntex (U.S.A.), Inc.) U.S. US 4,228,245 (Cl. 424-305; A61K31/215). 04 May 1982, Appl. 234,240, 13 Feb 1981; 6 pp. Prostaglandin E-type

carbonate contg. 5% and 10% 110% and these solns, stored at 45° for 60 days. The drug was stable in all of these solns.

97: 61914g Crystalline ranitidine hydrochloride and phasmaceutical composition containing it. Crookes, Derek Leslie (Glaxo Group Ltd.) Fr. Demande FR 2,491,067 (Cl. C07D307/52), 02 Apr 1982, GB Appl. 80/31,634, 01 Oct 1980; 16 pp.

Cryst. ranitidine-HCl (I-HCl) [71130-06-8] (form 2) for the treatment of uicer, allergy, and inflammation cases was prepd. as has improved filtration and drying properties and reduced hygroscopicity by crystg. I-HCl under controlled conditions in the presence of a hydroxylated solvent, e.g. 2-propanol [67-63-0]. Thus, a mixt. of 20 g I in 5.3 ml. HCl, 130 ml. 2-propanol, and 4 ml. Hcl was heated at 50° while adding an addnl. 68 ml. 2-propanol, then the mixt. cooled to 10-12° and the crystd. product (form 2), m. 139-141°, was sepd. and recrystd. in 2-propanol-HcO mixt. (66:9). The IR and x-ray spectra of I-HCl are reported.

97: 61015h Buffers for the stabilization of eye lotions containing chlorobutanol. Lion Corp. Jpn. Kekai Tokkyo Koho JP 82 62.218 (Cl. A61K9/08), 15 Apr 1982, Appl. 80/137,431, 01 Oct 1980; 5 pp. Eye lotions contg. chlorobutanol [57-15-8] are prepd. with buffering agents such as e-aminocaproic acid [60-32-2], citric acid [77-22-9]. NaH:PO., Na aspartate [17090-33-6], and Na glutamate [16177-21-2] which prevent the hydrolysis of chlorobutanol during storage. Thus, an eye lotion was prepd. by combining propylene glycol 0.5, chlorobutanol 0.3, e-aminocaproic acid 0.07, citric acid 0.0053%, NaCl (an amt. required to produce an equitonicity with resp. to tears), and water (balance). required to produce an equitonicity with resp. to tears), and water (balan-

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97: 61016j Transparent eye lotions containing glycyrrhizinates and cationic surfactants. Lion Corp. Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Keho JP 82 62:21 (Cl. A61K9/08). 15 Apr 1982, Appl. 80/137,432, 01 Oct 1980; 3 pp. A transparent eye lotion contg. bactericidal cationic surfactants and glycyrrhixinate is obtained by adjusting the pH to 5.9-7.0. Thus, such a soln. was prepd. by combining di-K glycyrrhixinate [68797-35-3] 0.1, benzaikonium chloride 0.1, HaPO1 1.85, borax 0.032, and water to 100% by wt. The borax concn. produced a pH of 5.9, but leas concn. tended to decrease the pH and cause the formation of onacity which decreases the com. value.

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97: 61018m Mesoionic antitumer compositions and methods for using them in the treatment of cancer. Henry, David W. Ryan, Kenneth J.; Grange, Edward W. U.S. US 4,329,355 (Cl. 424-272; A61K31/42). 11 May 1982, Appl. 16,384, 01 May 1982. 1979; 5 pp. Antitumor compus. comprise the title compds. I (p)

= Ph or substituted Ph; R¹ = H or Me) and their salts. A table formulation contained anhydro-5-(methylamino)-3-phenyl-1,a 2.3.4-oxatriozolium hydroxide-HCl (II) [82333-27-5] lactose 86, corn starch 45.5, gelatin 2.5, and Mg stearsts is mg/tablet. II was prepd by addn. of HCl to 4-methyl-1-phenyl-3-thiosemicarbazide [13207-89-6], followed by addn. of NaNO₂ to the mixt. The biol. activities of various I were demonstrated against lymphocytic leukemia P388 implanted is mice.

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37: 61919a Radiopaque cyanoacrylate compositions. Kraft. Robert E. (Population Research, Inc.) Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 59, 457 (Cl. Co9J3/14), 28 Apr. 1982, US Appl. 198, 466, 20 Oct 1980; 19 pp. The title compds., useful in medicinal and industrial application, comprise an alkyl 2-cyanoacrylate monomer and a radiopaque additive such as an org. iodo compd. cyanoacrylate stable inorg. compd., or org. iodo acid. Thus, a compn. contg. sterile redistd. Me 2-cyanoacrylate [137-8-1] i.17 mol \$\frac{1}{2}\$ iodo/orm [75-47-8], 2.4/6-triuodophenol [609-23-4] i.17 mol \$\frac{1}{2}\$ each, 250-750 ppm (mole basis) SO1 as stabilizer and 250 pps hydroquinone (to decrease light sensitivity) was heated with stirring at 80° for 1 h in the dark. The resulting compn. contg. 7% I atoms can be stored for extended time periods in Al fold. The compn., if exposed to light just prior to use, is stable for 2-3 and when used as female sterilizing agent the polymer plus formed in the fallopian tube is distinguishable over the pelvic background and an x-ray image.

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37: \$1820f Enhancement of drug absorption from suppessories by saponins. Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ld. Jpa. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 82 \$4,510 (Cl. A61K9/02), 19 Apr 1982, Appl. 80/141,345, 08 Oct 1980; 4 pp. Drugs not readily absorbable in the digestive tract are formulated in suppositories in mixts, with saponins, which accelerate absorption from the colon. For example, 100 mg cephazolin Na. 100 mg saponin, and 2 g Miglyol-812 (fatty acid glyceride) were mixed and molded to give a suppository. Cephazolin Na was absorbed rapidly from this suppository in rats, and 70% of the dose was excreted in 24 h, 97: \$1021g Coated acetylsalicylic-acid formulation. Drehet, Dieter; Lehmann, Klaus; Boessler, Heide (Rochm G.mb.H.) Dieter; Lehmann, Klaus; Boessler, Heide (Rochm G.mb.H.) Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 50.191 (Cl. A61K9/28), 28 Apr 1982, DE Appl. 3.039,073, 16 Oct 1980; 17 pp. Acetylsalicylic acid (il corp.)

[50-78-2], with a particle size <3mm, is ceated in a fluidized bed or a coating pan with an aq. dispersion of a polymer, esp. of sa acrylic or methacrylic acid contg. 8-30% CO₇H groups. The H₂O of the dispersion is evaped to form the film coating, and the product has <0.2% by wt. free salicylic acid. Thus, I crystals (0.3-0.8 mm) contg. 0.01% salicylic acid were coated with 2.5% by wt. of a pH 2.5, 30% aq. dispersion of a copolymer of D acrylate 62, Me methacrylate 37, and methacrylic acid 1%, contg. 0.4% Na lauryl sulfate and 6% polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleste as emulsifiers. The inlet and exit air temps, were 40 and 30% resp. The product contained 0.21% H₂O and 0.04% salicylic acid. The coatings inhibited hydrolysis in storage. 37: 61022h Pharmaceutical compositions with an anticplicptic and antineuralgic effect. Mondadori, Cesare; Schmutz Markus (Ciba-Geigy A.-G.) Eur. Pat. Appl. EP 50.539 (Cl A61K31/55), 28 Apr 1982, CH Appl. 80/7,775, 17 Oct 1987 23 pp. Pharmaceuticals for treating epilepsy and neuralge

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[64-17-5] to the meal did not reduce the acid-innibiting effect of rankidine.

104: 102281a Effect of theophylline on membrane potential and contractile force in hamater disphragm muscle in vistro. Sancon (Dep. Intern. Med., Univ. Virginia, Charlottesville, VA Clin. Invest. 1986. 77(2), 658-40 (Eng).

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The effect of theophylline [58-55-9] on resting membrane potential master disphragm cells was studied. Resting membrane potential was 16 mV in Krebs soln. and increased to -85 may with added theophylline. Tension increased from 5% (at 100 indicates an increase in intracellular to extracellular K· conca. Net K· outflow occurred with each contraction, causing the cell membrane to become depolarized with repeated contraction, ultimately leading to fatigue. The hyperpolarization of the skeletal muscle cell membrane obsd. with theophylline may play an important role in prolonging time to fatigue.

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104: 102222b Effect of a dihydroquinoline-type antioxidant (Ch-402) on lipid peroxidation in brain homogenate and microsome fraction of the rat and mouse. Anna, Blazovics; Chelgyogyaszati Klim, Semmelweis Orvostud. Lang. Janos, Feher (Belgyogyaszati Klim, Semmelweis Orvostud. Egy. Arteriosci. Kuta-tocsoport, Budapest, Hung.). Kizerl. Orvostud. 1985. 37(5), 488-92 (Hung). The antioxidant CH-402 (I) [75903-70-7] inhibited

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